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JUNIOR ADVENTURES™

CAR WASH WORD SEARCH

Find the hidden words up, down, across and diagonally.

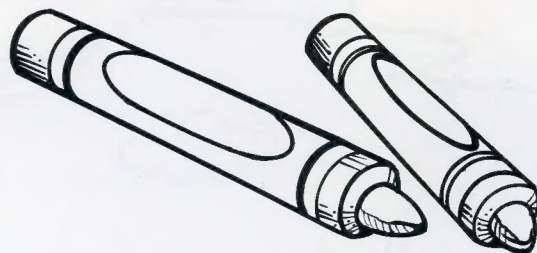
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W I N D O W R E H E B V P W X
H U R P X P I J S T U I S B A
E T A M E X O O P L C B C S R
Q O W H J S H X U C K P R P E
S T A Z Q N A I E O E N J O H
C V T I E M K L R Z T Y U N I
W P E D A T I R E S Q O E G E
E R R Y U J V C D P L N W E F
I A R V A U T O M O B I L E P
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Crayon Rubbing Collage

All you need are paper and crayons!

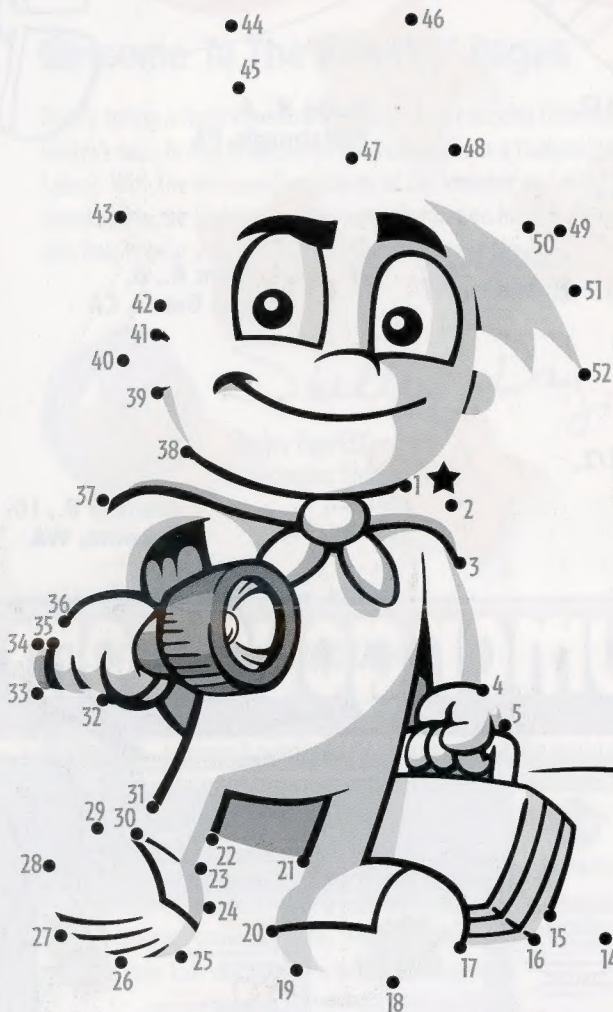
1. Peel the paper off your crayon.
2. Put your paper on an object with a texture (pennies, shells, keys, tree bark).
3. Hold your crayon on the side and rub it across the paper over the textured object.
4. Fill your paper with many different colors and textures.
5. Have your friends try to guess all the different objects you rubbed with your crayons.



CLUB PLAYGROUND

Dot-2-Dot

Connect the dots in numerical order to find out who is the mystery friend.



MATH

$\begin{array}{r} 12 \\ +5 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 9 \\ +9 \\ \hline \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{r} 6 \\ +7 \\ \hline \end{array}$
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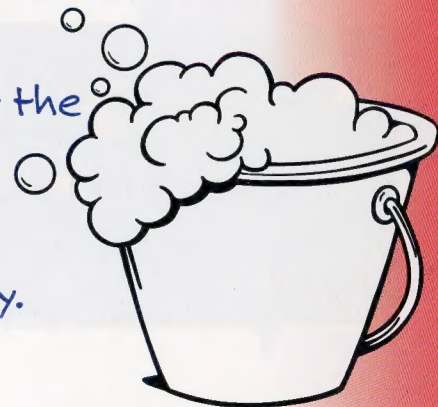
Attack



Tricycles, Bicycles and Big Wheels



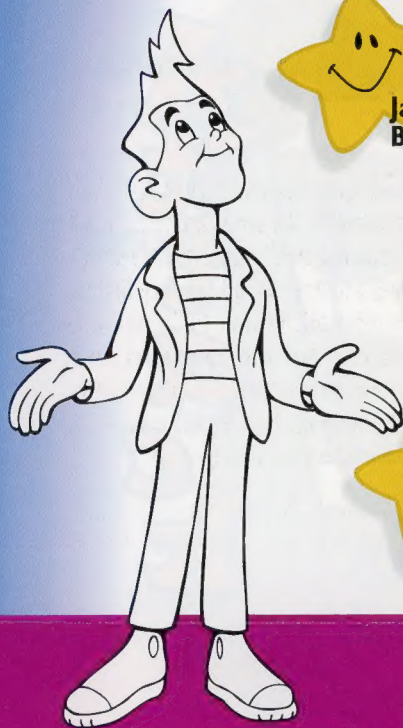
On a sunny spring day, have a neighborhood bike wash! Invite all your friends for the fun. Your foot-powered vehicle will look shiny and new after scrubbing the winter dust and dirt away.





BIG THINKERS™ BACKVARD

Congratulations to the winners of the **Futuristic Fun Contest!**
They designed some really fun and wacky vehicles for the future. All the winners receive a Humongous Entertainment game of their choice.



Jared R., 8,
Brandon, MS



Courtney G., 9 1/2,
Cordele, GA



Kevin K., 6,
Pittsburgh, PA



Brandon T., 7 1/2,
Sacramento, CA



Kaitlin K., 7,
Masadin, NY



Ellen R., 6,
Los Gatos, CA



Megan S., 8 1/2,
Cleveland Hts. OH



Alex G., 5 1/2,
Newark DE



Josh L., 9,
Santee, CA



Jeannie B., 10,
Tacoma, WA

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- Race Patt-Patt to the finish line in Redline Rick's Road Rally!
- Help Freddi Fish assemble pictures in Freddi's Jigsaw Wrangler!
- Give your crayons a workout on hundreds of coloring pages!



Whew! There's just too much fun to
list everything here. Come online
and play with us @

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Parents' Pages

Welcome To The Parents' Pages

Finally spring is here! The flowers and trees are waking from their long winter's nap. In this first issue of the year, we have a feature article on Web Safety. With the increased popularity of the Internet and more families going online, we feel this is important information for you to have. We'd also love to hear your feedback or tips to share. Enjoy!



Shelley Day

Shelley Day/CEO
Humongous Entertainment

Safety Tips for the Internet Playground!

Heralded as the technological key to the new millennium, the Internet has opened an exciting, expansive world of information and entertainment to today's kids. As they surf, chat and play, kids need to receive special guidelines for operating in this new, interactive environment.

The Internet is just a tool – not a teacher – and as such, it requires people to practice Internet common sense. The following are our Humongous tips for teaching your kids safety on the Internet Playground:

1. In chat and on bulletin board systems, never reveal personal information such as last names, addresses and phone numbers.
2. Before entering any contests on the Internet, review that site's Privacy Policy which should dictate how they use personal information. If they do not reveal how they use personal information, move on to another contest that provides you with this information.
3. Have your child ask your permission prior to signing up for email newsletters. There's a lot of SPAM (unsolicited email) out there and much of it is not appropriate for children!
4. Instruct your child never to plan a face-to-face meeting with another online acquaintance.
5. Teach your child never to respond to offensive email and/or chat. Ask your child to show it to you, then report those offenders at once to their respective Internet Service Providers.

Humongous.com urges parents to explore our site together with their children. In our most recent survey, the majority of our users are parents surfing with their children, and we like it that way!

On **humongous.com**, personal information is collected on a voluntary basis for contests and the displaying of kids' artwork. We send parents an email to ask their permission before we publish online a child's contest entry or other such submission. If your child is entering a contest, we ask for only first name, email address, city, state and age. This information is used for identification and contact purposes by the humongous.com staff only. Last names, street addresses and any other personal information are deleted immediately by staff and never displayed online. Parents have the right to request that submissions are not published or other entry information be changed.

The Internet can be a grand adventure for both you and your child. Have fun and play safe! If you have any further questions and or comments, please email me at jillb@humongous.com.

Here are some of our recent awards:

Pajama Sam 2: Thunder and Lightning Aren't So Frightening™

- 1998 Most Popular CD-ROM and Top 10 Toy, Great American Toy Test
- 1998/99 BESSIE Award, Best Interactive Story
- 1998 Parents' Choice Gold Award
- 1998 Multimedia Top Picks, USA Today
- Best of 1998, Working Mother
- 1998 Software of the Year, Family Fun Magazine
- Gold Award, Sesame Street Parents 1998
- Outstanding Achievement Award, 1998 Parent's Guide to Children's Media
- GameZone's Top-Rated Game

Backyard Soccer™

- Best of 1998, Working Mother Magazine
- All Star Software Award, Children's Software Revue 1998
- Best Gifts of 1998, PC Magazine
- 1998 Editors Choice Award, Computer Times

Blue's Clues™ CD-ROMs

- 1998 Great American Toy Test First Runner-Up
- Best Software of 1998, Child Magazine
- 1998 Multimedia Top Picks, USA Today
- 1998 Software of the Year, Family Fun Magazine
- Kids Domain Gold Award Winner 1998
- Brainplay.com Seal of Approval 4/4 Stars 1998
- Comp.Media Superb Software Award 1998
- The Review Zone's Best of '98 Award



Top Stories

Spring has sprung and it's a time of new beginnings! We definitely started 1999 on the right track with the release of the fifth Putt-Putt product, **Putt-Putt® Enters the Race™**. This loveable little car has become a favorite with our loyal fans and we are thrilled to offer yet another phenomenal product for your children to enjoy!!

Join us in welcoming **Freddi Fish 4: The Case of the Hogfish Rustlers of Briny Gulch™** to the Humongous Entertainment family! This fantastic, new product has just hit store shelves in and is a perfect addition to your software library. For a limited time only, in retail stores, we have a promotion for a FREE Freddi Fish and the Case of the Missing Kelp Seeds® when you purchase the new Freddi Fish 4. Look for coupon pads in stores and take advantage of this super offer!

Coming in June we will have a brand new Blue's Clues product for you - **Blue's 123 Time Activities™**. We know how much all of you love Blue, and this product will be a great summer-time activity for your children! We are very excited to be able to offer you another way for your children to interact with Blue and her friends!

For those of you who have a Zany Brainy store in your area, be sure to clip out the coupon on the back page for another way to save. We are always looking for new ways to offer our customers special savings, so we teamed up with Zany Brainy to give you this exclusive offer. Don't worry if you don't have a store in your area; we will include other coupons in upcoming newsletters so everyone can take advantage of these special offers.

Thanks for all the continuous support! We've had a great year and are very excited about the new products we have coming in 1999. We have great promotions planned as well, so keep your eyes open for us when you're shopping! Happy Spring!

Putt-Putt Enters the Race

Putt-Putt® and Pep™ are ready to take your kids on the ride of their lives! Today's the big day as our curious little convertible prepares for the Cartown™ 500. Redline Rick™ is eager to start the race but Putt-Putt and Pep need a few items before they are ready to roll. Kids join in the adventure as they explore brand-new Cartown locations, like Torvil Tractor's™ farm and Rover's™ Rocket Drive-in, looking for a safety helmet for Pep. Old friends like Smokey the Fire Engine™ and Outback Al™ help Putt-Putt get to the track in time for the big race. As the grand finale, kids hop behind the wheel for the first time ever as they race their favorite purple car toward the checkered flag at the Cartown Speedway!

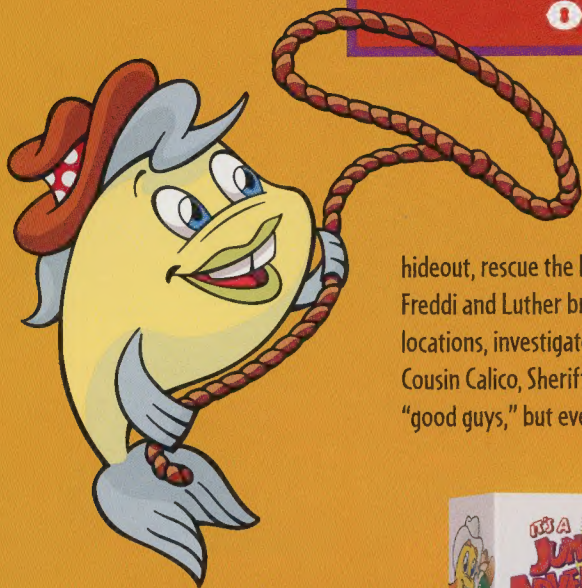
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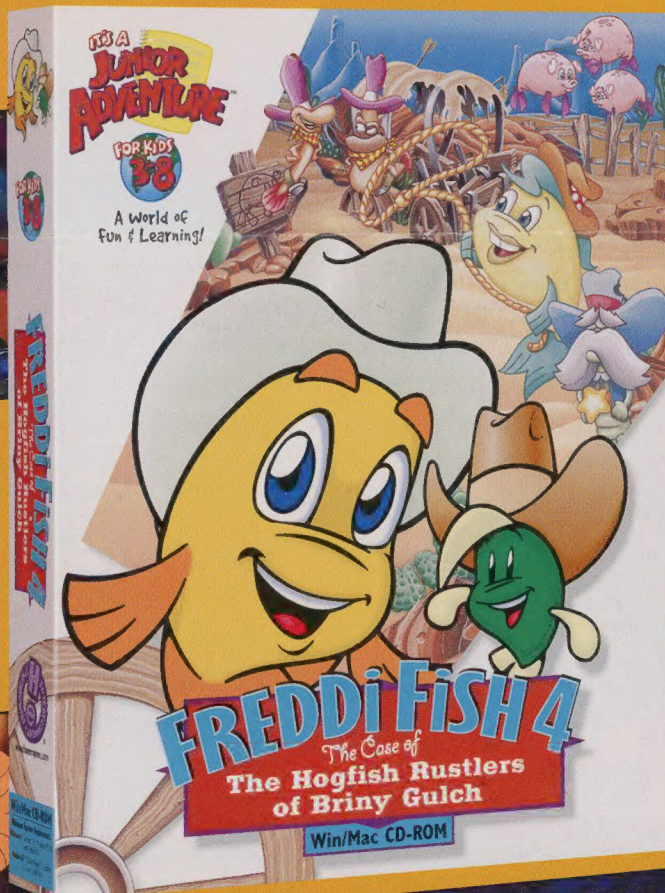
FREDDI FISH 4 **NEW!**

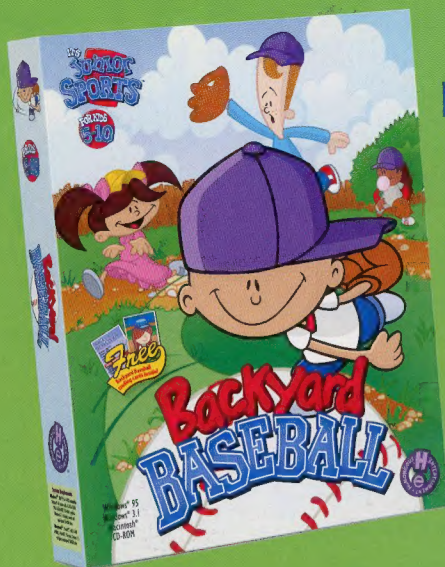
The Case of The Hogfish Rustlers of Briny Gulch™



Hey Partner, Freddi Fish™ and Luther™ need your help! Cousin Calico's™ prize-winning hogfish have been fiendishly fishnapped by some rowdy hogfish rustlers! Always the brave adventurers, Freddi and Luther offer to find the rustlers' secret hideout, rescue the hogfish and wrangle those rambunctious rustlers. You can help Freddi and Luther bring justice back to Briny Gulch as you explore exciting Wild West locations, investigate captivating clues and meet adventurous new characters, like Cousin Calico, Sheriff Shrimp™, Sahara Slim™ and Eight Finger Phil™. Most are helpful "good guys," but every good Western needs a "bad guy," or two ...

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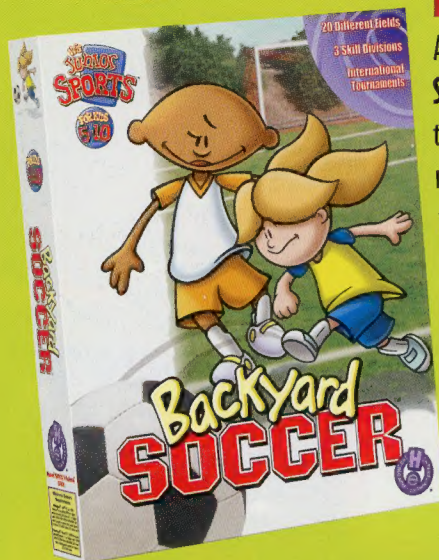
Backyard Baseball™

Backyard Baseball features 30 of the funniest boys and girls from the neighborhood and simple controls that even the littlest Tee-baller can master. Baseball cards and kid announcers help your kids get to know each player's strengths and weaknesses as they progress from the parking lot to the Backyard Baseball League's World Championships. Perfect for your little leaguer!

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Backyard Soccer™

Around the world with 30 kids is where you're headed when you play Backyard Soccer™ from Humongous Entertainment. This action-packed CD-ROM features all the action and excitement of world-class competition plus the fun and laughter of neighborhood games! Backyard Soccer lets you click and kick your way to the world title!

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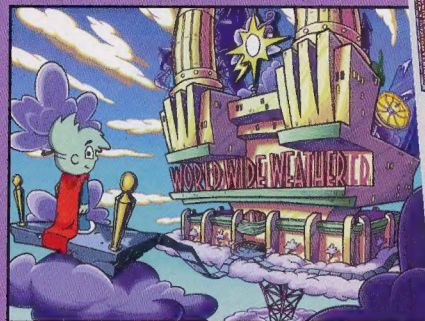
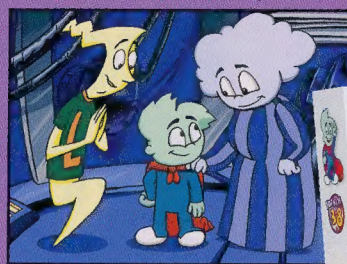




Pajama Sam® 2: Thunder and Lightning Aren't so Frightening™

Pajama Sam®, the world's youngest superhero, is back to confront his fears and make new friends in "Thunder and Lightning Aren't so Frightening!" Join Sam as he journeys to World Wide Weather, the storm-stirring factory in the sky. He'll need your child's help as he explores this wonderful world filled with challenging puzzles, fun games and fantastic friends.

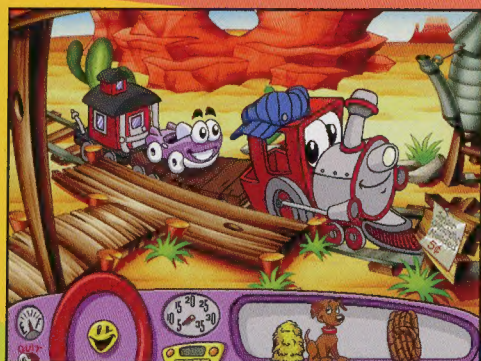
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Freddi Fish 3: The Case of The Stolen Conch Shell™

Freddi Fish™ and Luther™ need your child's help to recover the Great Conch Shell and save the Founder's Day Festival! Our finny friends travel to a tropical paradise where they'll search for clues while discovering new friends, exploring ancient ruins, playing games at a carnival and more! But the fun doesn't end there! Gill Barker™, Rosy Pearl™ and Nadine the Narwhal™ are just a few of the unusual suspects who may be responsible for heisting the heralded horn – and it's up to your child to nab the real culprit!

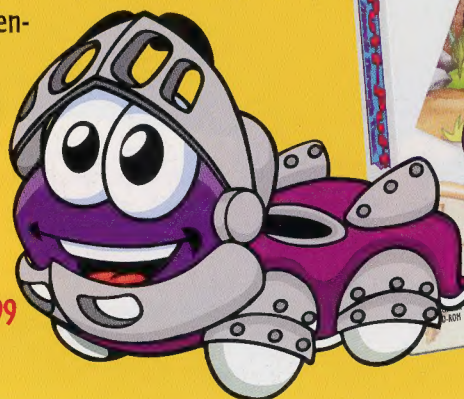
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Putt-Putt® Travels Through Time™

Mr. Firebird's time machine has gone haywire and Putt-Putt's best pal Pep is lost somewhere in time. Grab your compass! Putt-Putt needs your child's help. Together they'll leap through time – exploring other dimensions and discovering surprising new friends. It's an adventure-of-the-centuries that will keep kids coming back time and time again!

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Best of 1998 Software Award
-Parent's Magazine

1998 Software of the Year
-FamilyFun Magazine

Blue's Birthday Adventure™

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All Star Software Award
-Children's Software Review

Best Software of 1998
-Child Magazine

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Blue's 123 Time Activities™

Practice pre-math and problem-solving skills in this activity pack filled with multi-level learning games. Develop logical thinking and deductive reasoning skills, recognize and complete patterns, practice simple mathematical operations and explore estimation and prediction. Preschoolers strengthen early math skills as they help Blue win Big Prizes at the Prize Tent.



To preview and find out more information about Blue's Clues CD-ROMs, visit humongous.com!

Also look for:

Blue's Clues storybooks available from

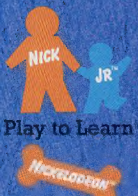
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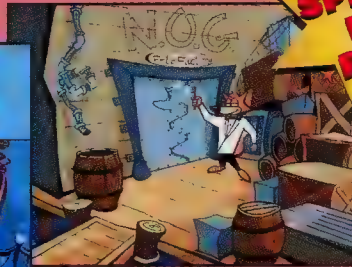
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Medium #04-15020
Small #04-15019



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Medium #04-15023
Small #04-15012



Pajama Sam® T-shirt
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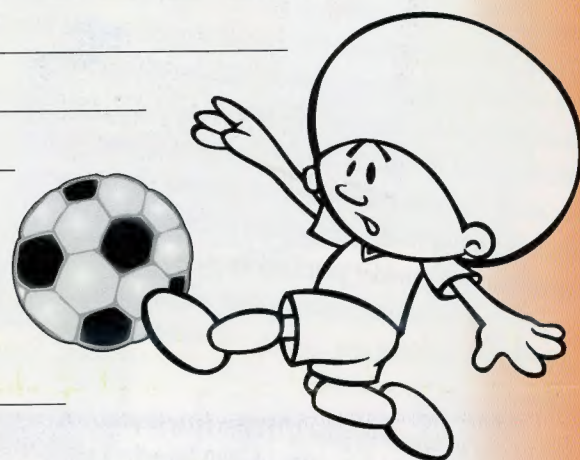
JUNIOR SPORTS™ ARENA



Excellent Exercise!



List activities that you do throughout the day that can be considered exercise, whether for fun, or chores you do around the house. You'll be surprised at all the things you do that can be called exercise.



Sports Scramble

KYHCOE _ _ _ _ _

LAELBSAB _ _ _ _ _

KABSALTEBL _ _ _ _ _

BLAOTFLO _ _ _ _ _

ROSCEC _ _ _ _ _

SETNIN _ _ _ _ _



Answers: Hockey, Baseball, Basketball, Football, Soccer, Tennis

EXTRA Club News EXTRA

SPRING 1999

THE BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD!

BY FATTY BEAR™, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

I can tell you liked the Futuristic Fun contest because of all the mail I received! There were some amazing futuristic vehicles that came from your creative imaginations. Don't forget to check out the winners at Ben and Becky's Backyard. Are you ready for the next contest challenge? Tell me about your favorite place? Is there somewhere you would like to visit? Is there somewhere you have been on vacation? Is it your treehouse, your grandma's farm, your friend's backyard? We want to know about any place in the world that you consider your favorite place. You can draw a picture, write a story, make a collage with magazine pictures, or anything else creative you would like to do. Have fun with this contest!

Send your entries in by **June 1, 1999** to Fatty Bear at Club Humongous, 13110 NE 177th Place, Suite B101, Box 180, Woodinville, WA 98072. Don't forget to include your name, age, address and phone number with your entry. Please don't send anything you can't part with because I won't be able to send anything back. Winners will receive a T-shirt and poster of their choice and will be listed in the summer edition of the Humongous Gazette.



SUPER SMARTS

Can you answer all these questions? Some may be easy, but watch out! There may be some questions that challenge your mind.

1. How many states make up the United States of America?
2. What are the four points of direction?
3. Name the part of the plant that usually grows in the ground.
4. What star is closest to the earth?
5. Which is larger: a town or a city?
6. What country is directly north of the United States?
7. How many eggs make a dozen?
8. How many minutes make an hour? How many hours make a day?
9. Is a tomato a fruit or a vegetable?
10. How many sides does a hexagon have?

LUTHER'S LAUGHS

TO READ THE ANSWERS, HOLD THIS PAGE UPSIDE DOWN IN A MIRROR.

Q: What are the most athletic rodents?

A: Jack and field mice

Q: Why did the cookie go to the hospital?

A: Because it felt crummy

Q: Why did the student eat his homework?

A: Because the teacher told him it was a piece of cake

KIDS' QUOTES

"I've had Putt-Putt Joins the Parade since I was three years old! I like it a lot, especially when I have to help Putt-Putt get a car wash."

— Katherine B., 8 1/2, Cary, NC

"I like your Pajama Sam games because they are fun and challenging enough that a kid in fourth grade like me would want to play it."

— Nicole D., 9 1/2, Concord, MA

"Knock - Knock"

"Who's there?"

"Annie"

"Annie who?"

"Annie more CDs to play?"

— Anneliese H., Bayamon, P.R.

ANSWERS:
1. 50
2. NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST
3. ROOT
4. THE SUN
5. A CITY
6. CANADA
7. 12
8. 60 MINUTES, 24 HOURS
9. FRUIT
10. 6 SIDES

CLUB FRIDGE

Please be sure to include your first and last name, age, address and phone number with your art and letters.



HEY KIDS!

Thanks for all the great pictures!
Keep sending them in and you just
might see yours here on the Club
Fridge. Remember, if your picture is
chosen, we'll send you a surprise!



Christy C., 8,
Mason OH



Cathy B., 10,
Los Altos, CA



Mikayla B., 5,
Monterey, CA



Jordan J., 6,
Kernersville, NC



Amy J., 6,
Kansas City, MO



Tyler B., 5,
Republic, WA



Adam B., 8 1/2,
Lexington, MA



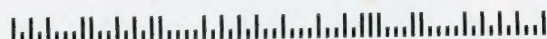
Peter F., 6,
Okemos, MI

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excited you're here!

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in all the fun things that we do
here—like drawing and telling jokes.

There's a lot to do in this issue of
the Humongous Gazette, so let's
get going!



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